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was the largest in our history one week before Christmas—and for what reason? Because our window display is the best on the street, and because we have heralded that fact with printers' ink, and also because the people can see it with their own eyes. It was almost a mob continuously from 1 o'clock until 10.30, and they came to buy. The goods and prices please them, and they take them cheerfully. Such a result is truly gratifying. Let our

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60c Chocolates 35c lb., 5-lb., Boxes \$1.40

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LOCAL NEWS.

If you see it in the Townsman, it's news to be relied upon; if it is news and so, you'll see it in the Townsman.

Punchard closed Wednesday for the Christmas vacation.

Yesterday, December 21st, was Father's day.

George Foster attended superior court sitting in Cambridge last Tuesday.

Fred Dodson of Yale, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in town.

Frederick H. Ladd, of the Lawrence Telegram, is ill with slow typhoid fever.

Miss Emma Phelps of the West Parish is employed temporarily at A. Sharpe & Company's store, Lawrence.

Mildred, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Jenkins is ill with diphtheria.

Dr. C. M. Sawyer of South West Harbor, Me., is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Annie Sawyer Downs.

Rev. C. N. Clark of Haverhill preached at the Chapel last Sunday morning and afternoon.

Rev. G. A. Andrews of the West church and Rev. F. A. Wilson of the Free church, exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

John Findlay and Phillips Bancroft, Yale students, are visiting at their respective homes in town.

Miss Helen Jackson, of Mt. Holyoke college, is visiting at her home on Abbot street for the holidays.

Leon G. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders of Essex street, is home from Colby college for his vacation.

Miss Helen Bodwell of Mt. Holyoke college, is spending the holidays at her home on Maple Avenue.

Congressman William S. Knox has introduced a bill into the House, providing civil government for Alaska.

Rev. George S. Fiske of Lawrence, preached the evening sermon at Christ church, last Sunday.

The Free church choir and orchestra rehearsed the Christmas anthems last Monday evening. H. F. Chase with his phonograph, made an excellent record of the Gloria from Mozart's 12th mass.

The Christmas tree and exercises will be held at Christ church tomorrow evening and the regular church Christmas exercises on Monday morning.

Rev. C. P. Osborne, secretary of the Boston Seamen's Friend society, delivered an address at the West church, last Sunday evening.

Several young men expect to hold a "Phonograph dance" on Monday evening, January 1st, in G. A. R. hall, Essex street.

Barber Charles Cook has resumed his duties at J. M. Bean's shop after a several weeks' respite from labor on account of illness.

The Andover auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held at the South church vestry Tuesday afternoon. The subject of this meeting was "Africa."

Miss Mary F. Mason entertained her Sunday school class at her home last evening. The young ladies enjoyed themselves with music and games. Refreshments were served.

Ralph Coleman has severed his connection with the Electric Supply company of Boston, and entered the electrical department at the Washington mills, Lawrence.

Both the engine and the elevator for Tuttle & Morrison's new carriage shop, have arrived and the elevator is being placed in position by two experts, from the works of the manufacturers, the Morse Williams company.

Miss Amy Pleadwell, of Taunton, will take Miss Demarest's place as drawing teacher in the public schools of Andover, and Miss Elizabeth Hoar of Danvers, has been engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Carleton.

Fine talent has been secured for the benefit concert to be given in aid of George F. Taylor who has been ill a long time, in the Town hall Monday evening, January 8. The soloists have offered their services free, as has also the Andover orchestra. The concert will be well worth the price of admission and in such a worthy cause, should draw a good attendance.

Rev. Arthur Little of Dorchester, Mass., says of Albert Armstrong's Picture Play, "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," "The entertainment gave a large audience intense satisfaction. Mr. Armstrong's familiarity with the text of the book, his sufficient Scotch brogue, and his exquisite colored pictures, representing real persons unite in making the entertainment delightful and instructive." Be sure and hear him at Punchard hall, Jan. 16, 1900.

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To Cure Hoarseness in One Day

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The services in the Chapel have been suspended until Sunday, Jan. 7.

Miss Alice Bell, daughter of John W. Bell, is home from Mt. Holyoke college, for Christmas.

Miss Marcella S. Richards, daughter of Dr. J. F. Richards, is at home for the holidays.

The Andover orchestra has been engaged for the Burns anniversary observance in North Andover.

Bailey & Chase have been laying the concrete basins for the wash stands at Tuttle & Morrison's new shop.

The Tye Rubber Company will be closed three or four days next week for the annual stock taking.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school at the Free church will be held on Friday evening, January 5.

A concert will be held by the Sunday school of the South church on next Sunday evening, Christmas eve, at 6 o'clock.

Miss Bertha Meacum, a teacher at the Indian Ridge school, will spend her Christmas vacation at her home in Chelsea.

Delegates from Andover attended the regular session of Essex district lodge, I. O. O. F., held at Carroll's hall, Danvers, recently.

Miss Jean U. Piddington, teacher in the Cabot school, Brookline, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Piddington on School street.

It is reported that J. W. Barnard will greatly improve the building occupied by O. P. Chase and Henry McLawlin. The upper stories will be vacated shortly by the present colored tenants after which they will be renovated and made into nice offices for business purposes. The location is central and a good one.

J. Lyman Belknap, of Harvard Medical school and John Belknap, quarterback on this year's football team at Phillips Exeter academy, both of them sons of Lyman A. Belknap of this place, sailed Wednesday on the steamer Admiral Dewey for Jamaica, where they will spend their Christmas vacation.

Rev. Varnum Lincoln's new book of poems, the "Deserted Farmhouse and other poems" is finding a considerable sale here in Andover. The book contains many gems of thought while the descriptions are well penned and near to nature. It is a book that would prove very acceptable as a Christmas gift to those whose feet have trod upon life's pathway for many years and are approaching the end of their long journey.

Arthur Bliss, Andover; and C. H. Shattuck, Ballardvale; guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for the gripe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Andover lodge, 230, I. O. O. F., held a regular meeting last Monday evening and elected the following officers: Noble grand, William Knipe; vice grand, Frank L. Holt; secretary, Frank M. Smith; financial secretary, Richard C. White; treasurer, George E. Holt; trustee for three years, Arthur Bliss. The installation will take place Monday evening, Jan. 1st, the installing officer being District Deputy Grand Master Robert Hill of Methuen.

The annual meeting of the Andover C. E. Union will be held at the South church on Friday evening, Dec. 29th, at 7.45 o'clock. At this meeting occurs the election of officers for the coming year. The program will consist of short addresses by the presidents of the local societies and others, upon the various phases of C. E. work. One or two of the local pastors will speak upon specially assigned topics. Every society is urged to come in force and make this a live meeting.

The subjects for the thirty-third competition for the Means' prizes, founded by the late William C. Means of Boston, for original declamations at Phillips Andover academy, are as follows: "The Province of School Government," "Ethics and Etiquette," "Are We a Musical People?" "The Future of the Slavonic Race," "Some New Aspects of Trusts and Monopolies," "American Sentimentality," "The Era of the Short Story," "Does Machinery Displace Labor?" "Birds and Bird Study."

At Amherst the administration of President Harris is now fairly begun. President Harris has warmed the athletic heart by evincing at once an enthusiastic interest in the gymnasium and in football, in the latter sport being entirely outshone however by Mrs. Harris, who attends the field practice and is able to give sound advice even to the salaried coach of the team. In the chapel exercises—those at Amherst are compulsory—the president has taken especial interest, having introduced the practice of giving a short talk of current interest after the devotions, in which the students find great delight and profit.—The Advance, Dec. 7, 1899.

Murphy's and Ledwell's barber shops will be closed all day Christmas.

Misses Millie and Maggie Amerio will spend Christmas in Central Falls, R.I.

The Phillips Andover Hockey team has entered the New England Hockey league.

Timothy J. Cullinane of Villanova College, is spending the vacation season at his home in town.

It is reported that Ammon Richardson has purchased the Millard A. Clement place on Whittier street. He moved in with his family this morning.

People have been making free with trees for Christmas purposes cut at P. J. Hannon's farm on the North Andover road. If any one desires to get a tree they will be supplied by applying to him.

Christmas Supper and Tree at the Baptist Church.

The usual Christmas celebration of the Baptist church Sunday school, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will take place at the Baptist meeting house on Saturday evening, December 23rd. Supper will be served in the vestry at 5.45, followed by a brief entertainment in the large audience room, and distribution of presents from the trees. Included in the entertainment will be an organ solo by Miss Sarah Piddington and a violin solo by Miss Bertha Thomas, with organ accompaniment by Miss Piddington. All members and friends of the Baptist church, S. S., and Y. P. S. C. E. are cordially invited to attend, and to exchange gifts by way of the trees.

Cakewalk and Dance.

Under the management of Alex. Baker a cakewalk and dance was held in Pilgrim hall, Musgrove block, last evening, which was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by a goodly portion of Andover's colored society.

At nine o'clock a cakewalk was in order, and the cake, a product of Higgins' bakery, was won by Lem Brown and Mrs. Wilson. The judges were Prof. John Stewart, William Wilson, Henry Cunningham and Judge Jones of Chicago.

Thomes' orchestra played for the dancing, which was continued until nearly midnight. At intermission refreshments were served.

West Parish.

Mrs. J. A. Morrill will entertain a few friends at her home tomorrow evening.

Ralph Trow is employed evenings and Saturdays in Dan A. Donahue's store, Lawrence.

The Grange will hold a social assembly on Friday evening, January 5th, in the Grange hall.

The third and fourth degrees were worked on several candidates at the Grange meeting last Tuesday night.

Miss Grace E. Burnham, teacher at the West Parish school, will spend her Christmas vacation at Dunbarton, N. H.

Mrs. M. A. Russell, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Kelsey, in Toledo, Ohio, has returned to her home in the West Parish.

The Ladies' Club of the Grange will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hill next Thursday evening.

A Christmas tree will be held at the West Parish vestry next Monday evening, when there will be a social time and the children will receive candy and oranges.

FRYE VILLAGE.

Mrs. George L. Burnham is ill with the gripe.

Melvin P. Burnham is at home from the Harvard Medical school for the Christmas vacation.

Weather Record.

Temperature taken in the morning between 5 and 7 o'clock and at noon between 12 and 1 o'clock.

1898	Morn.	Noon.	1899	Morn.	Noon.
Dec. 15	16	28	Dec. 15	42	42
" 16	2	28	" 16	16	29
" 17	14	44	" 17	14	40
" 18	26	40	" 18	38	42
" 19	21	28	" 19	43	62
" 20	23	31	" 20	28	39
" 21	28	36	" 21	26	44

Advertised Letters.

Unclaimed letters Dec. 18, 1899.
Baldwin, Mr. Dillon, John
Brown, Miss Annie E. Elison, Miss Annie B.
Brown, S. M. Gardner, Horace B.
Burnett, William Hemphill, M.
Custol, L. P. Webb, Henry W.
Davis, A. F. Webster, Miss Ada
ARTHUR BLISS, P. M.

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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLOTTE KINGMAN GREEN-
LEAF FULLER.

Charlotte Kingman Greenleaf, widow of Rev. Dr. Samuel Fuller, entered into life at Andover, Massachusetts, on the 24th of November, 1899, in the 90th year of her age. Her burial was at Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, Connecticut. She was born in Grey, Maine, on Christmas day, 1809. Her father was Simon Greenleaf, late Royall professor of law in Harvard University.

She was married from her father's home, then in Portland, Maine, the 15th of July, 1830.

Their first home, prepared for them by her father, was in Providence, R. I., where her husband was the first rector of Grace church.

Successively their homes were in Providence; Hartford and Litchfield, Connecticut; Andover, Massachusetts; Gambier, Ohio; again in Litchfield and again in Andover—her husband was twice rector of Litchfield and of Andover, and finally for 36 years in Middletown, Conn., where her husband died in 1895.

The closing years of her life were passed with her son, Dr. Fuller, in Boston, and on his removal to Andover, Andover became for the third time her home, where at her son's house, amid happy scenes of early days, and surrounded by surviving children and grandchildren, she closed her eyes in peace.

Of her nine children two survive, Dr. James Robert Fuller of Andover, and Rev. Samuel Richard Fuller of Boston.

Her literary gifts were manifold. To the luminaries of the Episcopal Watchman, of which her husband was editor, she contributed both prose and poetry in nearly every issue covering the period of his editorship, 1831-2.

Before her marriage she was the constant companion of her father in his studies, having then as in after years, an alert mind on judicial questions, and aided him often in the preparation of his legal work.

During the long term of years of her husband's professorship in the Berkeley Divinity school, 1859-1883, she was often his amanuensis, and continuously his aid and counsellor in the publication of his writings. Her knowledge of Latin and Greek and Hebrew though limited, nevertheless enabled her to render valuable assistance in preparing the text of his Commentary on the Apocalypse.

Hers was the pen of a ready writer; ceaselessly and unfatigably she used it, thus holding her scattered loved ones close to her heart.

Her papers on the Missionary work of the Episcopal church at home and abroad, prepared with great care and with wide knowledge, were read before gatherings of faithful women in several parishes and dioceses of her church, the last occasion being within a few months of her death. At this great age of nearly ninety she again read to a group of women assembled in her own room, her paper on Missions in China.

Her knowledge of the Bible, her daily and almost hourly companion, derived also from some familiarity with the original Hebrew and Greek, gave her services in her Bible Classes of men and women, strikingly significant.

The language of the Prayer Book was the language of her thoughts—not a day scarcely an hour of her life, was without its reading of this, to her the noblest and the best of all books of devotion.

In Church History and in Canon Law she was equally versed.

A noted living Church historian will trace his initial impulse to enter that field of historical research which has since proved so fruitful to him, to a suggestion from her—a suggestion tantamount to a command.

She was quick to detect ability in others, and its recognition by her was an inspiration to its possessor.

On every opportunity she gave of her best, lovingly and without measure, to all who would receive—not occasionally only, but continuously if need be.

A group of charcoal burners and small farmers on impoverished farms in a waste New England district far from railroads—these good people will not forget her sympathy and interest, will not forget the long journeys week after week, Sunday after Sunday and year after year, which at above three score years of age, she made with her husband in a common buggy, often through rain and mud and storm and ice and winter's snow—28 miles, 14 each way—often from dawn till dark, in order that she might play the little cabinet organ and lead the chants and hymns in a cross-roads chapel where a little gathering of

eager souls were made glad by her inspiring and gentle presence. Such was her devotion.

Yet above all her virtues were those which made her a home maker. Of her gifts of wit and mirth, of her love of music and of the joy her music gave to others—these gifts that made her hospitality so gracious and so generous—those who knew her best need no reminding word.

As wife and mother and as guardian of the comforts of the sacred fireside is she most tenderly cherished in the memories of those who understood her purposes best, and the motives which guided her daily life.

To be in her presence was joy and a benediction, and brought to weary spirits whether of husband or children, or visiting friend, at least the beginning of perpetual peace. In her home was an atmosphere of holiness and Godly mirth never to be forgotten, a priceless memory, a soothing balm, an inspiration to a braver life.

Suffering she knew to her heart's core; but through suffering she could and did cheer all hearts about her. Her virtues were the virtues of a soul radiant with the consciousness of the presence of God. And the world is the richer for the life of this, another of His saints.

NO FRANCO-GERMAN UNION.

The much-talked-of-entente between France and Germany has just received a cold-water dousing by the recent ceremonies at Bazilles, according to the accounts in the French papers. The two days' fighting in 1870 around and in that village, where Napoleon's regulars fired their "last cartridges" formed the sequel to Sedan. Among all the accounts of battles there are few indeed that are more dramatic or more rich in examples of heroism and horrors than the story of Bazilles. Even the comparatively brief sketch of it in the London Times by the Duc de Fitz-James, after the capture of the village by the Germans, sent a shudder through the reading world. After the Crimean war, the war in Italy and the gigantic civil war in the United States, all marked by deeds of generosity and chivalry, and all unstained by atrocity, the world was poorly prepared for Bazilles. Even today the "damned spot" will not "out" for Germany.

The record is still red, but it is relieved somewhat by the recollection of the glorious conduct of the German officers who, sword in hand against his own men, saved the life of the heroic Lambert, whose portrait can be seen in the figure leaning against the old oak chest in the Neuville picture, Les Derniers Carouches.

Every year there is something new and interesting in the ceremonies at Bazilles. As in former years, the religious part of them was carried on this year in the private dwelling which still takes the place of the church that was shattered by shot and shell. All the principal cities of France were represented by delegations of veterans of the war of 1870. At the close of the religious ceremonies the Mayor of the commune, M. Vautier, delivered an address in which he protested against any rapprochement with Germany.

"No gentlemen," said he: "here in Bazilles there is a flood of hatred and rancor which is destined to separate us forever from our enemies of 1870. With fire and sword they marked upon our hearts the recollection of their atrocious conduct. No! no reconciliation with the Germans! Let us hope, on the contrary, that this land, enriched by the generous flood of our brothers who died for their country, will soon raise up that vigorous growth which enables us to hope and to watch."

Bazilles would surely be a poor place to preach the blessings of socialism and anarchy linked with the obliteration of frontiers and the beautiful brotherhood of man. The village still bears the wounds of the war. Most of the houses are bespattered with bullet marks, and here and there shells may be seen embedded in the walls. Many of the houses have been left just as they remained after the war, that is to say, in ruins. They are now ivy clad. The graves of the non-combatants killed in cold blood after the capture of the place are well and carefully kept, and the stories of the victims are told and retold doubtless with many variations.

Twenty-nine years have brought about many changes for the better in most places, but this old shell-battered village limps slowly indeed along the road to prosperity. Its population broods constantly over its misfortunes in the annals of the village, and dreams of nothing but revenge. Perhaps it presents the true portrait of France at present. If this should be so, the world may witness another struggle between France and Germany, and the battle-cry of the French will be "Bazilles!"

THE ONLY PLACE.

Admiral Dewey is said to have absolute rest and quiet for a few days, remarked Squid.

"Whose guest will he be in Philadelphia?" asked McSwilligen—Pittsburg Chronicle.

A Great Play.

The wonderful success of James A. Herne's new play—"Sag Harbor"—booms along at the Park Theatre, Boston. The great play is now in its ninth week and, despite the big defection of the public interest over the subject of Christmas purchases, the Park Theatre is crowded to the doors nightly with enthusiastic applauders of this, Herne's latest and most exquisite play. "Sag Harbor" has achieved the greatest financial success of any single attraction in the history of the Park Theatre.

Some notion of Mr. Herne's popularity and the familiarity of almost every class with his personality, is evidenced in the fact which was given out in a special story to the Boston Herald last Thursday, which cited the instance of a correspondent sending his letter to Mr. Herne with nothing on it for address but a picture of the famous star. It came as straight as an arrow without any interruption to its destination.

There will be a special Christmas holiday matinee Christmas day, and on Christmas night the seventy-fifth consecutive performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston will occur.

The Twentieth Century performance to be given on the night of January 1st, 1900, will be a unique affair. The management intend to present to the patrons of the play on this evening a handsome memento symbolizing the exit of the old and the entrance of the new centuries. The one hundredth performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston occurs on the night of January 15th, 1900, and a magnificent souvenir will be given on this occasion. It is to be an exact reproduction in silver of the famous American cup which British yachtsmen have tried for over forty years to wrest from the amateur sailors of the United States. This will be a very beautiful as well as patriotic emblem. This souvenir will be, it is said, the most expensive ever given on a similar occasion in this country.

Intending patrons of "Sag Harbor" should bear in mind that however much inclined Boston seems to be to keep this success with them indefinitely that nevertheless, owing to previous contracts with theatres in other cities, "Sag Harbor" will some day not far off be obliged to fold its tent and hie away to delight the thousands of theatre-goers in other cities who are already clamoring for the success.

MADE WITH GELATINE.

The use of gelatine has increased enormously in recent years since its economy, goodness, and nutritive value has become widely known, and now gelatine desserts are made not only in the homes of the rich, but also in those where a limited income makes it necessary to economize the actual value of any proposed food. With Keystone Silver White Gelatine, which has been endorsed as best by all the leading chefs, one can prepare sherberts, jellies, puddings, ices, creams, and salads. It makes a fine, clear jelly, and being refined and pure, it can be quickly and easily dissolved in hot water, without unpleasant flavor.

Several recipes which are seasonable are given below, and others can be had by writing to the makers of Keystone Silver White Gelatine, the Michigan Carbon Works, of Detroit.

A refreshing Lemon Jelly is made with one package Keystone Silver White Gelatine, one cup cold water, five cups boiling water, two and one-half cups sugar, one and one-half cups lemon juice. Soak the Gelatine in the cold water ten minutes, pour on the hot water and stir until the Gelatine is dissolved. Add sugar and lemon juice and stir until sugar is dissolved. Strain into jelly mould and stand in a cool place to harden.

THE GOLD HOARDERS OF PEARL RIVER.

"Up in the Pearl river district," said a Mississippi lumberman, the other day, there are a great many of those fellows who have retired from the lumber business for the last decade, yet who live in the most primitive fashion imaginable. Their steers, sheep and lumber bring in a steady stream of money, while their expenses are really next to nothing. Their homestead is generally a log cabin; the furniture consists of a few beds, a long table, and as many chairs as there are people in the eat is grown on the premises.

Naturally, one asks what do they do with their cash. And, although I believe I am pretty familiar with their habits, I must admit that that point is a mystery. It is a significant fact, however, that they are very fond of gold. If you buy a bunch of steers from one of the old fellows I have in mind he is very apt to ask you when you will be in New Orleans next. "Get me the gold while you are down there," he will say, "and pay me when you come back. I am in no hurry about the money. The well-known fondness for the hard metal has given rise to the belief that the old settlers keep their hoardings buried in the ground, and I am confident that a great many of them have hidden away considerable sums, a la Capt. Kidd. One gentleman who is thoroughly familiar with the country remarked lately in my presence that if all the gold buried in the Pearl river district was put in one barrel it would bust the hoops." The natives have an instinctive distrust of financial institutions and very few carry much money in the bank—New Orleans Times Democrat.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

He came to her in the quiet corner of a busy place, smiling and confident. She raised her eyes and spoke, and then, seized with a sudden self-consciousness and timidity, she turned away.

He passed along with quiet, well-bred ease, and the graciousness of the place vanished with him, and a clash of currents left discomfort in the air.

For days and weeks she was haunted by that smile, and then she made a prayer.

O Regulator of Things, it is not much I ask, only that in some future life I may come again with that same smile and that same confidence from which in woman's weakness I turned away! It is not much I ask.

And with a shock of incredulity she heard this reply:

"In some future life he will come again with that same smiling, gracious confidence. And you will meet his smile with a smile and his confidence with easy indifference. For when he comes again you will not care. It is not much you ask."—From Judge.

Mr. Yale—I say, old chappie, have you seen that verse of the Boer war song in the papers?

Mr. Harvard—Yes; why?

Mr. Yale—Well, wouldn't it make a great college yell?—Baltimore American.

Christmas Games.

For the "Hidden Character Party," one sends out invitations 10 days in advance, so that a special number of guests will be on hand. Non-acceptances should be filled, making at least some 25 persons to be reckoned on for this unique amusement.

Previous to the arrival of guests the hostess with her assistant writes on a number of long strips of stout white paper the names of some celebrated people, either men or women. Each slip is provided with a pin, and as the guests appear the deputy appointed stands at the entrance of the drawing room and fastens a slip securely upon the back of each person. From the very moment the guest enters and the slip is in place, he or she becomes the individual whom the written name indicates, and must be so recognized by all the company present. Each person reads the name on every slip except her own, and what that one may be she is left to guess from remarks addressed to her. Each remark is occasioned by the futile efforts of people to place themselves and the drift of a conversation they find it difficult to follow. Everybody talks at cross purposes with a delightful confusion the result.

The first guesser wins the prize and yet those who desire to exercise perfect liberty to make more than one try. If an individual thinks he has guessed what his temporary name really is, he is allowed to report to his hostess, who keeps a memorandum of the fact. But however correct or incorrect, the various speculations may be, neither the hostess nor her deputy can give any clue until time is called, when a clear statement of individualities is made.

If a lady personates Marie Antoinette she is addressed as if she were the unhappy Queen. Questions are asked regarding events which happened during her life time, and the more confusing and obscure they can be made the better. The more difficult the character, the greater the fun. Obvious individualities are not for grown children who guess easily the name.

A Christmas feature much enjoyed by children and often indulged in by adults is the Christmas pie, in which are concealed trinkets to be won by "knock-knocks" for general distribution. The pie may be made by placing the trifles designated in a large basin or pan, as the number of them demands; first attaching to each one end of a string two or three feet long, and the other ends of these strings should be fastened tiny bows of bright, pretty ribbon.

The "crust" of a Christmas pie is sometimes made of tissue paper sometimes of bran, either one presenting the appearance of rich, well browned pastry. If the crust is to be of tissue paper the strings must be arranged all around the basin, so that the ribbon bows will fall just over the rim or sit up around it when the crust is laid on and tucked in all round. Or this style of crust may have fancy openings in the shape of stars, leaves, vines or flowers, cut in it, and through these from the upper side may pass the ends of the strings like tulips and crocuses. All around this pie will be a wreath of holly or some pretty Christmas green.

The pie is passed or if it is very large it is placed on the middle of the supper table or small table in the centre of the room. Each guest selects a bow, pulls the string, and out comes his plum in the shape of a pretty gift.

Here is a game that must be played by five or more people. Take a strip of paper, let No. 1, write upon it an article and an adjective, then double over the end of the paper so that No. 2 may not see what is written. No. 2 writes a noun, doubling the paper before passing it to No. 3, who writes a verb, turns down the paper, and hands it to No. 4, who writes another adjective and adjective, hides it, and passes it to No. 5, who writes another noun. The paper is then opened and read, and the combination makes very funny sentences; for instance, No. 1 writes A milk-white; No. 2, Hottentot; No. 3, caressed; No. 4 a singing; No. 5, baby. A milk-white Hottentot caressed a singing baby.

The fact that no one knows what the other has written makes the most absurd contrasts between the adjectives and nouns, while the verb acts as opposing nouns in the most ludicrous positions. It is a very amusing game for a merry circle. When more than five play the different parts of speech are more amusingly distributed, as 6 can begin to continue, and then 1 gets a verb instead of an adjective, and each time sends her a new part.

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CHARLES A. POST, Treasurer, etc.

CLEVELAND, August 23rd, 1899.

DEAR SIR:—Confirming my telegram of this A. M., I beg to say that your Company had run for its credit during April 5,142.64 barrels, May 5,529.36 barrels, June 5,065.13 barrels, July 5,049.46 barrels. There appears to be one run made July not credited to your account until August, owing to absence of Division order.

Therefore, if you desire to be more accurate you should add 148.93 to the amount of that run to the credit during July, making the total for the month 5,196.39 barrels.

Yours truly,

R. L. BATES, Agent.

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J. TYLER KIMBALL, Cashier.
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The Christmas Spirit.

When the world seemed young and the wonder of life
Swung strong in the hearts of men,
When the simpler faith and the sturdier hope
Welched up where the red blood ran,
When the back-log glowed on the open hearth
And love in the open heart,
In the good old days when the wendies fair
For the Christmas woods would start,
By the mazer-bowl of the vassals stout
To the twenty-hooped pot of kings,
All the world was given not over to greed
And the passion for trifling things.

It was hoar-headed, mistletoe, holly and ale,
And songs though the notes were gruff;
'Twas a dragon of mead and a joint from the spit.

A toast though the board was rough:
It was "Stand all, now, and a life to the King!"
A health to the lady's hand,
And a toast to her, with your hand on your heart!

The last, to the Eastern Star!
It is good to have a romance as it was,
The dawn in the East grew gold;
Then, casual and momentary humbled their hearts,
And kneeled to their Christ of old.

But the dusk has crept through the ageing years,
And the heart of the world has changed,
It is good to have a romance as it was,
Farwells to the life estranged;
In the rush for gold, in the battle for bread,
The Chivalry trampled out,
Where we have in houses that darken and streets,
And swam in the cities' rout.

And heavy of heart we wait for a day,
We pause at the Christmas chimes;
Where our ashen faces and sorrowing eyes
Still glow for the good old times.

No matter how mad is the struggle,
And fevered the marts of the new-born age,
At the loom shall stop and the anvil be still
And the cities forget their rage!
Though we feed not now on the husk of the past,

We have, O my soul, man's hope
That the darkest years have their end
And each cloud of gloom hangs at the last shallop;
So a wreath, this day, of that old Romance,
A ghost of that earlier Peace
Through the years still whisper that Hatred
and War
And strife in the end shall cease!

ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

A Merry Christmas.

"I wish you a merry Christmas,"
"the same to you." Is it the holiday
time of saying "hello" and "good-
bye," or is it all that it means in its
very best sense? The preacher tells
us it is the time of "peace on earth,
and good will to men," but this year
while there is so little of the first
of these blessings floating around, why
will it not be a good time to boom the
other one.

"Good will to men." What a
"Merry Christmas" it would make if
the world could be full of that! What
a "merry town" it would make if And-
over were full of it! Did you ever
think of Andover with every man full
of good will toward his neighbor?
Each business man minding his own
business, and letting the other fellow
get a living also—each politician per-
fectly satisfied to let his opponent be
his own judge of what is right or wrong,
only seeing that there are no notes in
his own eye—each woman's tongue
tied by the cords of charity so that no
unkind word can escape—each teacher's
thoughts set firmly upon the very best
development of the lives under him,
and each student's aim a high and
noble effort to realize the most from
the teacher's labors—each child
thoughtful of his mate and faithful to
his parent's teachings—each parent
never tiring in the almost ceaseless
struggle to keep the heedless boy or
the thoughtless girl in the right way—
in fact each man, woman, and child
filled with good will to every other
man woman and child; can you think
of this?

Let us all think upon it as we say
our "Merry Christmas" in the next
three days.

Editorial Cinders.

A remarkable old newspaper is before us, the property of Dr. J. R. Fuller. It is particularly interesting at this time of the 100th anniversary of Washington's death, for its date bears the figures "Jan. 4, 1800," and its columns are turned in reverent homage to the "father of his country." There are four columns to each of the four pages of the "Ulster County Gazette," and there are many of the present day printers who could well pattern the clear cut typography which adorns the pages.

The death of Washington is the central theme, but the generous news items from many parts of the world, make it a particularly interesting publication in other respects. The advertisements are as nowadays very noticeable, not the least prominent being one announcing the sale of a "saw mill and a negro wench." They thought rags "at the printing office," and they had many sheriff's notices those days, and some advertisers dropped into verse to tell their stories.

Andover Club Hold a Ladies' Night.

The social season at the Andover club was opened by a "ladies' night" at the club rooms in the Musgrove building last Friday evening. Some over 100 people were present to enjoy an excellent program rendered in Musgrove hall by the Tremont-Svensden Combination of Boston.

An especially good program was given by these musicians and proved most enjoyable. Solos by Mr. Swaine and Mr. Martin gave these gentlemen a chance to finely display their excellent voices, while the violin and cello solos by Miss Nichols and Miss Tolman were deserving of the hearty applause which they received.

The Combination consists of the Tremont Quartette, composed of R. A. Deane, 1st Tenor; Charles W. Swaine, 2nd Tenor; William W. Walker, Baritone; and Frederick L. Martin, Bass; and the Svensden Trio, composed of Miss Marie Nichols, violinist; Miss Annie Laura Tolman, cellist; and Miss Louise Enelle Walitt, pianist.

Following was the program:

"On the Sea,"	Tremont Quartette.	Buck
Allegro from Trio, op. 18, Heinrich Hoffman	Svensden Trio.	Pianist
"Queen of the Earth,"	Mr. Swaine.	Pianist
"Defiance,"	Mr. Swaine.	Carl Attenuhofer
"Fantaisie Caprice,"	Tremont-Svensden.	Vicenttemp
"Sunset,"	Miss Nichols.	Van De Waer
"Mazurka,"	Miss Tolman.	Popper
"Torchador's Love Song,"	Mr. Martin.	Cakchols
"Serenade,"	Svensden Trio.	Widor
"Moonrise,"	Tremont-Svensden.	J. Pache

After the entertainment, the members and their guests spent a social hour at cards, pool, billiards and conversation in the club rooms.

This was the first of a series of Andover club events, which will be continued throughout the winter.

Old Fashioned Supper and Sale.

Under the auspices of the Juvenile Missionary society, an old fashioned supper and sale was successfully held in the West church vestry last Monday evening. Over 150 people were present, many of them from the Centre district having been conveyed to the place of the festivities by barge through the kindness of Ammon Richardson.

The supper room was prettily trimmed with festoons and wreaths of evergreen tied with red ribbon. A supper consisting of baked beans, scalloped oysters, pies, gink bread and coffee was served by an efficient corps of waiters. These were Misses Bessie Dodson and Lucia Burt, in old-fashioned costumes, Perley Mack and Phillip Moor.

Articles of a fancy nature were exposed for sale on a table in charge of Mrs. F. H. Hardy and Miss Bertha Chandler, and home-made candy was sold by Mrs. Arthur Boutwell and Miss Agnes Gillen.

The entertainment was in charge of the Misses Mary and Esther Smith and Miss Ella Holt and was the cause of much amusement to the audience. "In Pawn," a four act shadow play was first given by J. A. Morrill, Arthur Boutwell, F. H. Hardy, Winifred Crow, Phillip Moor, Master James Gillen and Caroline J. Burt. Rev. G. A. Andrews read the story as the play proceeded. Between the acts, banjo solos were played by Winthrop Boutwell.

This was followed by recitations from seven pair of young men and women telling "Why We Never Married." It was very laughable and ended satisfactorily to everyone by the pairing off of these unfortunates, who trooped off the stage to the strains of a wedding march. The young ladies taking part in this wore gowns of our great grandmothers' day. Following were the participants: Fred Boutwell, Winthrop Boutwell, George Phelps, Gayton Abbott, Fred Phelps, Winifred Crow, Phillip Moor, Misses Clara Patnam, Florence Burt, Alice Dodson, Harriet T. Dodson, Ina Duval, Grace Burnham and Kate Pike.

The following committees were in charge of the sale and supper: Supper, Misses Angie Burt and Harriet Dodson; decorations, Misses Lucia Burt and Bessie Dodson, Phillip Moor and Clarence Moor.

Before the sale closed the articles remaining unsold were auctioned off.

Poultry at Haverhill.

Andover was well represented at the exhibit of the Merrimack Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association in the City hall, Haverhill, Dec. 12-15.

In the Barred Plymouth Rocks class, the old stand-by birds, F. H. Foster of the Shawshin Poultry farm took three prizes in hot competition.

Rhode Island Reds, the popular variety of the day, were exhibited in large numbers, the French farm of North Andover being prominent in prize winning. The display of White Plymouth Rocks was most excellent, not falling behind the Boston show in quality. F. H. Foster came off with the highest honors in Light Brahmas, taking six prizes and a silver cup special.

A prominent showing of White Leghorns by John Buchanan brought him a 1st, 2nd, and special prize.

The display of Pigeons was very attractive and Andover was well represented in this exhibit by Newton Jaquith, Jr., and George Guthrie, the former taking seven prizes on Homing Pigeons and the latter two prizes on Blue and Black Baldheaded Tumblers.

At the Burns Club.

The Burns Club held a very interesting meeting last Saturday evening, at which Alexander Dickson read an instructive paper on the life of the Duke of Wellington. He reviewed his early history and military career and compared his life with that of his great opponent Napoleon.

The next meeting will be Dec. 30th, and the club will celebrate Hogmanay with a concert and collation. The club will observe the 141st anniversary of the poet Burns, in the Town Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 26th, 1900. The program will consist of a supper, concert and ball.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS

Closing Day Observed in Various Mann-ers in Many of the Grades.

The glad Christmas-tide, the season of mirth, joyousness and festivity was celebrated at the different schools in town today, as a closing exercise previous to the coming vacation. Teachers in the different grades gave short talks to their pupils upon the meanings and customs connected with the day, and Christmas songs were sung by the scholars.

At the Stowe school, there was one feature a little out of the ordinary, a debate on the subject, Resolved: "That the cause of the Boers is just." by the following: Affirmative: Thaxter Eaton, Beth Cole, Norman Smith, Mary Mahoney; Negative: Harry Erving, Harry Loud, Henry Otis, Allan McCurdy. These are pupils in Miss Chase's room.

The various teachers in the John Dove school had no especially prepared programs but each gave a brief talk to her pupils and had them sing several songs. In the kindergarten however, the little tots held high carnival, and they were made acquainted with the blessing of giving rather than receiving.

A Christmas tree, occupying one corner of the room, was fancifully and brightly trimmed with strings of colored popcorn and colored paper chains, manufactured by the little ones. Many of the children's parents and friends were present to participate in their exercises. During the first three quarters of an hour, the little people sang their Christmas and school songs, then for the next period, they marched and played games, and their teacher, Miss Evelyn P. Reed, talked to them about their fall work, while the children responded to her questions.

Then came the crowning event of the day for them when their teacher began to remove the little presents made by little hands for "papa," "mamma," "gran'pa" or "gran'ma," some of whom were present to receive the gifts from the wee maker's hands. Each little tot was astonished at receiving for herself or himself, a bag of candy, and a pleasant surprise it was no doubt. After-wards, the school was dismissed for the vacation season.

A most pleasing program was rendered in Miss Farnum's grade at the Richardson school, Frye Village as follows: Singing, "Song of Praise," school; recitation, "Christmas Bells," Maggie White; recitation, "My Christmas Stocking," George Sparks; song, "The Corn Song," school; Mandolin solo, George Stott; recitation, "Jack Frost," Katie Barrett; recitation, "Christmas Carol," Alex. Morrison; song, "The Huckle Horn," school; recitation, "Christmas," Mary Brennan; recitation, "A Christmas Carol," Bertram Stott; class exercise; mandolin solo, George Stott; recitation, "The Snow Fairies," Margaret Miller; recitation, "Christmas Song," Dorothy Kayle; song, "The First Snow-fall," school; recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Albert Robinson; song, "Now Good Night," school.

In the Kindergarten, Miss Batties' little ones had a Christmas tree, sang songs, listened to stories and had a general good time.

The closing exercises of the West Parish school were held this afternoon when a genuine old fashioned candy pull was held by the scholars. On yesterday afternoon the school spent the afternoon making Christmas presents for their parents.

Closing exercises of Indian Ridge school took place to-day. The Kindergarten, in charge of Miss Prevost and Miss Jackson closed in the morning. The little ones enjoyed their Christmas tree and gifts prepared for them by their teachers. In Miss Meacom's and Miss Birnie's rooms, programs consisting of Christmas readings and songs were given and gifts dispersed to each one.

In the afternoon, the children in Miss Donovan's room enjoyed their Christmas program of readings, recitations and songs appropriate for the joyful season, after which their usual Christmas party was given by their teacher. Ice-cream, cake and candy were served each one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In this room the children made very pretty Christmas blotters with calendars attached, as gifts for their parents or friends. In Miss Brown's room, where the pupils have been studying Japan and its people, a Japanese tea-party was enjoyed.

The scholars of the Osgood school represented, this afternoon, in several scenes the festivities of Christmas eve and day. Fred Way assisted as Santa Claus. The children entertained at dinner Jack Horner who was represented by Louis Bourdelais. Before the gifts were distributed the smaller children marched around the tree to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers.

Miss Slason's private school closed this morning when appropriate exercises for the occasion were conducted. Parents and friends of the pupils were present.

Communication.

To the Editor of the Townsman:

The report that the teachers of the public schools are to demand their pay weekly is not true. However, if the argument of the "pay-bills calling for four and three-fifths days at \$2.03 per day" works backward, the teachers should be paid weekly; for as an actual fact their pay-bills show deductions for three-fourths, or even three-eighths, of a day's pay at \$2.36 and \$1.80 per day, lost in attending a relative's funeral or in nursing a cold contracted in the school room. I am speaking only for the weekly pay-day. I do not believe in it for the teachers, but I do not like to have the people of Andover get the impression that the teachers have done or meditated doing anything that detracts from the dignity of the teacher's position. The two things uppermost in my mind at this moment, which endanger the dignity of the method that has been in vogue in the payment of teachers.

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Concert by Local Talent at Guild House.

For the benefit of that charitable and busy working society, the Guild, an eminently successful concert was given by local talent in the Guild hall last Friday evening.

A large audience was present which completely filled the hall and overflowed into the entry. Everyone was thoroughly pleased with the selection of the talent and the excellence of the numbers rendered by them. Especially pleasing to the audience were the readings by Mrs. F. H. Johnson who swayed the hearers by her assumption of brogue and the changes from the humorous to the pathetic.

The piano solo by Mrs. F. A. Wilson was excellently rendered as was also one by Miss Smart. Mrs. Nolan's songs and Mr. Bennett's violin selections were very enjoyable and deserved the hearty applause accorded them.

Following was the program rendered:

Piano duet, Dances by Moskowski
Mrs. F. A. Wilson and Miss Ellen C. Snow
Selections, read by Mrs. F. H. Johnson
"The Legend of Brenz,"
"Hide and Seek,"
"The Bell,"
"The Lost Hair,"
Piano solo, Traina by Tschalkowsky,
Miss Annie Smart
Song, "Wake Thou My Darling,"
J. Augustus Nolan
Violin solo, Annette by Thome, Mr. Bennett,
accompanying by Mr. Dean
Selections by Mrs. Johnson
"The Yarn of Nancy Bell,"
"Her Letter on Christmas Gifts,"
"A Ballad of New Year's Eve,"
Piano solo, Caprice from Gluck,
Mrs. F. A. Wilson
Song, "Sometime," Mr. Nolan, accompanied
by Miss Donovan
Violin solo, Mr. Bennett, accompanied by
Mr. Dean

The Guild Sewing School.

It is inspiring to look in at the Guild House on Saturday mornings, and see sixty little girls cheerfully engaged in learning how to become useful women—for it falls to the lot of almost every woman, at one time or another, to need to sew, and then well it is for her if she knows how to do it swiftly and neatly.

The advanced work of the Sewing school is carried on by Miss Dean, of Boston, and she hopes soon to start a dolls' dress-making class for advanced scholars.

The Earning Money class has been very successful this year, the largest earner taking in two dollars. The school is in so flourishing a condition that two more teachers are needed, and any lady who may be willing to lend a hand in this interesting work may confer with Miss Mills. No candidates for the school will be received after the first of January.

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J. A. SMART, Secretary.

December 15, 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Priscilla J. Gee, late of Andover, in said County, widow, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by Charles H. Mariand, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lawrence, in said county of Essex, on the eighth day of January, A.D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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South Church.

At the South church the regular morning service will be held Sunday and in the evening the Sunday school will give a concert at 6 o'clock.

West Church.

Sunday morning the choir of the West church will render "Glory to God" by Chas. H. Gabriel. In the evening the junior members of the Sunday school will give a concert entitled "The King's Birthday," by Gabriel.

Free Church.

The service at the Free church Sunday morning will be especially interesting, as the choir and orchestra have rehearsed diligently some beautiful music for the occasion. In the evening the Sunday school concert will be held. Following is the order of exercises in the morning:

Organ Voluntary
Doxology
Invocation
Hymn, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Handel"
Responsive Reading
Gloria 12th Mass. Choir and Orchestra Mozart
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Response, "Miserere"
Free Church Orchestra.
Offertory
Anthem, "Send out Thy Light," Gounod
Sermon
Hymn, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," Mozart
Prayer
Benediction
Organ Postlude.

Baptist Church.

The service at the Baptist church will be about the same as usual with the exception of Christmas hymns.

Christ Church.

On Christmas eve, Dec. 24, the choir of Christ church will sing several old English carols of the 15th and 16th centuries. They will be sung from the church tower at a quarter before seven. A Christmas service will be held at Christ Church Monday morning, Christmas day, when the following musical program will be rendered by Organist John Batchelder and the boy choir:

Organ Prelude, Triumphal March in D, Major
Major
Processional Hymn, "Christian Awake," J. Wainwright
Venite, Gregorian, VII Tone. J. E. West
Te Deum in G, Gregorian VIII Tone (Rosen Meditation)
Jubilate Deo, Gregorian VIII Tone (Rosen Meditation)
Hymn 59: "It came upon the midnight clear," R. S. Willis
Kyrie Eleison, C minor. Sir John Steiner
Gloria Tidi, in G. J. B. Calkin
Offertory, Anthem, "Hallelujah, Chorus" from "Messiah," Handel
Doxology.
Communion.
Sanctus; in A major. Sir J. Steiner
Eucharistic Hymn, "Bread of the World," No. 225. J. S. B. Hodges
Gloria in Excelsis in G. Dr. E. Hodges
Recessional Hymn, "Hark the herald angels sing," No. 51. Mendelssohn
Postlude: 1st movement organ sonata in A minor op. 98. J. Rheinberger

St. Augustine's Church.

The Christmas musical program at St. Augustine's church will be as follows:

Morning Service.
Asperges, Mass of St. Augustine, Rev. D. J. Leonard
Offertory, Adagio Fideles, Rev. D. J. Leonard
Recessional, Novello
Evening Service.
Musical Vespers No. 2, A. H. Rosewig
Adagio Fideles, Novello
Magnificat, Gregorian
Agnus Redemptoris, Bordese
O Salutaris, (solo) Selected
Tantum Ergo, McCabe
Laudate Dominum, Gregorian
Postlude—We will give thanks, Annie G. Donovan, Organist.

Births.

In Andover, December 20, a son to Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Andrews.

In Andover, Dec. 16, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson.

In Andover, Dec. 17, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hart.

In Andover, Dec. 17, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Souter.

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A Sunday in Arbroath.

The last talk in the series on "Sundays Abroad" was given by Rev. F. A. Wilson at the Free church last Sunday evening, the subject being "A Sunday in Arbroath." It was not surprising that the congregation was the largest of the series when it is remembered how many of the congregation and of the Scotchmen in Andover have come from Arbroath. The auditorium was completely filled with an interested audience.

Mr. Wilson said that there were several towns which they had visited, more attractive than Arbroath but two things stood out in that town which could not fail to interest a visitor. These were the Abbey and the Cliffs. He gave a very interesting description of the Abbey, one of the twenty erected in Scotland, which was founded in the 12th century by William the Lion, and was dedicated to Thomas a Becket.

The Abbey was famous in the history of Scotland's war of independence, for here the nobles met and chose Robert, the Bruce, to be their champion. Bruce also held his Parliaments here. The famous declaration of independence was drawn up and signed in Arbroath Abbey. The Abbey is now in ruins, but a large circular wall at the top of the high, gable wall is familiarly known to Arbroathians and cherished by them as the "Auld Roond O." The keeper of the Abbey for many years, and a post of some ability, was a brother of our townsman, Dea. W. C. Donald.

Mr. Wilson said that two noted men, Dr. Thomas Guthrie and Dr. Jas. McCosh, late president of Princeton College, were closely associated with Arbroath. The former preached at Arbroath and the latter at the Abbey Parish church, and he read several extracts showing the respect in which both were held.

He also spoke of his attending the service at the Parish Church of Arbroath in the morning and at the Erskine U. P. Church in the evening, the minister of which had the familiar name of Angus.

He said he was particularly impressed with the reverence for the Sabbath day which was in marked contrast to our own observance of that day. Not only in Arbroath but everywhere that he had been in Scotland there was, at least outwardly a strict observance of God's holy day which we Americans could copy with good results. In the home life too, there was the reading of Scripture, the family prayer and blessing for food which deeply impressed the speaker. He laid it on the Scotchmen coming to our shores to see to it that the good old customs and observance of the Sabbath be not given up in place of the greater but questionable freedom in things spiritual here in our own land.

He also spoke of the Cliffs, which Scott made mention of in his "Antiquary." The town has churches of every denomination, twenty-one benevolent societies, public and high schools, and a splendid Free Library, together with picture galleries recently opened.

A very enjoyable part of the evening service was the music by the choir. Two choruses from the Cantata of "Daniel," "In God is Our Trust" and "By the Rivers of Babylon," were rendered in a very pleasing manner.

Mr. Wilson announced that on the second Sunday in January he would begin another series of talks which he hoped would prove more interesting and helpful than that just finished.

Obituary.

MRS. HENRY HARDY.

Mrs. Henry Hardy, born Harriet Bailey, and widow of Henry Hardy, died in West Andover at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. John Maddox, Sunday noon, Dec. 17th, at the advanced age of seventy nine years and eleven months. She passed away in the same room in which she was born. For some two years her health had been failing but her end was sudden, and came as gently as falling asleep.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Edward W. Pride of Andover. W. W. Colby of Lawrence had charge of the funeral arrangements. The bearers were her neighbors Messrs. J. W. Henderson, Frederick Brundrett, Sylvester Hanson and Nathan B. Bailey. A sheaf of wheat simply and fittingly adorned the casket. The interment was in the cemetery of the West Parish with her husband and other loved ones.

Mrs. Hardy is survived by her daughter, Mrs. John Maddox, her step-children, who knew scarcely any other mother, George Hardy and Charles Hardy, and by a brother Walter Hardy. She renewed her own early days in the youth and affection of her grandchildren.

The large company of relatives and friends present at the funeral testified to the love and esteem in which she was held by all. Her chief influence and work were in the family. She was a true helpmeet to her husband aiding him in building up his modest fortune and "doing him good all the days of his life." Hers were the industry, simplicity, strong faith, modesty, deep although somewhat reticent affection of the older New England stock. After her health enforced comparative inactivity, her earnest desire and prayer was to rejoice in her lost loved ones. Her last hours were soled by visions of the husband she so deeply mourned.

For many years Mrs. Hardy was a faithful and honored member of the North Tewksbury Baptist church. There, with her husband, she was a constant worshiper, taking great interest in its work and prosperity. She will be much missed in West Andover, especially in the home where she spent so happily her declining years. The families thus deprived of a loving mother, have much sympathy in their sorrow.

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The board of trade will hold its annual meeting early in January.

There will be a meeting of the school board Thursday evening, Dec. 28.

Mrs. Walter P. Rowe spent last week with friends in Boston.

Mrs. A. R. Sanborn has been staying with relatives in Danvers.

James Mahoney has accepted a position in Godfrey's furniture store, Essex street.

Miss Marian Marble will spend the coming two weeks with relatives in Hingham.

W. A. Whitney, clerk for Superintendent Owens of the lower Pacific mills is ill at his home on Tower hill.

A. G. Butler, telegraph operator at the south depot, has gone to Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Cashier Fred L. Leighton of the Arlington National bank is confined to his home with an attack of the grip.

The Lowell street chapel which was recently purchased by the Textile school has been removed to Margin street near Essex street.

The schools are reported as being in a very healthy condition. Few children are sick and no teachers are out. Next week will be the usual Christmas recess.

Liberty Bell council, Daughters of America will hold its next meeting Saturday evening Dec. 26, next Monday, its regular meeting night being Christmas.

The West End Athletic club has moved into its new quarters on the river bank.

Court Excelsior Jr., D. F. of A., will hold an entertainment and ice cream party in Caledonian hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 10.

Lincoln division, Sons of Temperance will have a Christmas tree Dec. 23. A Temperance medal contest is in contemplation for Feb. 22. The pupils of Mrs. J. T. Reynolds will take part.

Canton Newmarket I. O. O. F., of Brockton will hold a fair in January. An invitation has been extended to Department Commander Emerson and staff.

The nomination of field officers of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., takes place in January in their regiments where the commissions expire in April next.

Governor Bowker colony U. O. P. F., will hold an entertainment and dance in Pilgrim hall, Jan. 2. The Broadway comedy company quartet will be the principal attraction.

Leon H. Vincent will give a course of lectures in the Parish house on Garden street, Wednesday evenings, Dec. 20, 27 Jan. 2 and 16, under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly society of Grace church.

Gov. Bowker colony of Pilgrim Fathers will hold an entertainment and dance in Pilgrim hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 3. The entertainment will be furnished by the Broadway Comedy quartet. Dancing from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Arrangements are already being discussed by many Old Fellows lodges, in the state, for the trip to Richmond, Va., to the meeting of the Sovereign Grand lodge, in September 1900. This will be a very interesting tour by Gettysburg, Washington, and Old Point Comfort.

The Columbia club will hold its fourth annual concert and ball Friday evening, Dec. 29, in Caledonian hall, Broomfield block. There will be a tug of war between teams from the Columbia club and Caledonian for a silver cup. Music by Berry's orchestra.

The lumber for the new Advent church on Lowell street has arrived, and the work of building is going rapidly in the framework of the prayer room has already been erected and beautified. The room will be located directly in the rear of the auditorium, and connected with it by glass doors, which can be thrown open at any time and the two rooms turned into one.

Misses Rose Donohue and Bertha Sullivan, unsuccessful contestants for the prize won at Rev. Fr. Driscoll's table at the recent union fair, have been presented handsome gifts by Fr. Driscoll for their energetic efforts. Miss Donohue received a beautiful gold watch, the case of which is set with diamonds, while Miss Sullivan received a gold neck chain, containing several diamonds.

The Columbia colony of Pilgrim Fathers has elected the following officers: Governor, Thomas Keyes; lieutenant governor, Jennie Hughes; secretary, William Denman; collector, John S. Painter; treasurer, Thomas Weston; chaplain, Margaret Riley; sergeant-at-arms, Frederick Beggs; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Annie Youngstone; sentinel of the inner gate, Jennie Youngstone; sentinel of the outer gate, William Hurst; representative to supreme colony, Thos. Weston.

Sunrise circle, C. of P., elected the following officers in the following order: chief companion, Louise Bishop; sub-chief companion, M. J. Brennan; recording secretary, Susan LaFors; financial secretary, Mary Scanlon; treasurer, Katherine T. Moran; right guide, Ellen Fanning; left guide, Margaret Riley; inside guard, Toke Beggs; outside guard, Nellie Fuller; trustee for three years, Mary E. Daly; physician, J. J. McAvoy; M. D. The officers will be installed on Jan. 2 by Deputy John R. Burns.

General Sherman colony, 139, C. of P. F., elected the following officers Tuesday night for the ensuing year: Governor, Martin M. Welsh; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Annie Casey; secretary, H. C. Bliss; collector, Johannann Mann; treasurer, M. G. Barr; chaplain, Mrs. H. Bliss; sergeant-at-arms, Ella Stevens; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Ada Hutchinson; inside sentinel, Ellen Ryan; outside sentinel, Laurence B. Jones; trustees, J. Robinson, Dr. Anthony Fleming, Timothy Kane; pianist, Ella Mullen; representatives to supreme colony, Timothy Kane and Martin M. Welsh. The installation will be on Tuesday evening Jan. 2, under the direction of Daniel M. Webster of Pelham, N. H., deputy supreme governor.

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Dr. Bowker in New York.

Dr. John C. Bowker, the well known oculist, has finished the series of eight lectures on the Transvaal which he gave for the city of New York where there are many sympathizers with him. The lectures were given in the largest hall in the city and were attended by great audiences which displayed intense enthusiasm. The final lecture last Saturday night drew over 2000 people to the historic Cooper union, the largest number assembled there since Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous speech on the same platform.

When Kruger's picture appeared on the screen some one called for cheers for him which were given lustily, mingled with hisses from the British sympathizers. Dr. Bowker was greatly amused by the "questions of scores of people who came to him to know where his sympathies were. He placed the matters so evenly that he left them in the dark. He has been invited to repeat this same lecture six times again in New York, but can not accept because of home duties.

CONGRESSMAN KNOX PLACED.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The chairmen of the various House committees were announced by the speaker today as follows: Elections No. 1, Taylor Ohio 2, Weaver, Ohio 3, Messick, Michigan. Ways and Means, Payne, New York; Appropriations, Cannon, Ill.; Judiciary, Ray, New York; Banking, currency, Broslus, Penn.; coinage weights, measures, Southard, Ohio; Interstate foreign commerce, Hepburn, Iowa; rivers, harbors, Burton, Ohio; merchant marine fisheries, Grosvenor, Ohio; agriculture, Wadsworth, N. Y.; foreign affairs, Hitt, Ill.; military affairs, Hull, Ia.; naval affairs, Boutelle, Maine; postoffices, Loud, Cal.; public lands, Lacey, Iowa; Indian affairs, Sherman, N. Y.; territories, Knox, Mass.; insular affairs, Cooper, Wis.; Pacific railroad, Powers, Vt.; reform civil service, Gillett, Mass.; expenditures, war department, Grout, Vt.

ARLINGTON PARKVALE ASSOCIATION.

The Arlington Parkvale C. A. association held its annual meeting Monday night, when the following officers were elected: President, J. Callaghan; first vice president, J. Cassidy; second vice president, J. McClennen; treasurer, W. Byrnes; financial and recording secretary, J. H. O'Connell; sergeant-at-arms, P. Flynn; auditors, J. Callaghan, W. Tolan, T. Bowyer; trustees, J. Cassidy, S. Midgley, W. Tolan; captain of cricket first eleven, J. Callaghan; vice captain of cricket first eleven, P. Bowyer; captain of cricket second eleven, N. X. Carbone; vice captain of cricket second eleven, M. Lyons; captain of English Rugby football, J. Cassidy; vice captain of English Rugby, W. Byrnes.

MAYFLOWER COLONY OFFICERS.

Mayflower colony, U. O. P. F., elected the following officers Monday night: Governor, Walter Morse; lieutenant governor, Annie Beattie; secretary, Josie Ayer; collector, Charles E. Locke; treasurer, O. S. Brown; chaplain, Cora L. Morse; sergeant-at-arms, W. H. Sylvester; deputy sergeant-at-arms, H. Moran; sentinel of inner gate, Maria Stowell; sentinel of outer gate, David Leach; pianist, Clara J. Sylvester; trustees, D. J. Murphy, A. A. Philbrick, J. H. Moran; representatives to the supreme colony, D. J. Murphy, H. Moran, H. P. Jenkins, D. F. O'Brien. A vote of thanks was given ex-Governor F. O. O'Brien for faithful duty. The installation will take place Jan. 1, under the direction of Deputy Supreme Governor Henry Hill of Lynn.

DEAD IN BED.

An unknown woman was found dead Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock at 79 Amesbury street. About a week ago in company with a man whose identity is also unknown, she hired the room in which her lifeless body was found. It is said that the couple drank heavily and had been ordered to leave.

Yesterday afternoon the landlady Mrs. Briery, went to the room and found the woman in bed. The man in the case had disappeared. Returning later and finding the woman still in bed, she entered the room and found the woman dead.

She at once notified the police, who took charge of the body, which was removed to M. J. Mahoney's undertaking rooms. There was no evidence of foul play apparently, and it is thought that death was due to alcoholism. Medical Examiner Howe viewed the remains.

An employment card was found on the person of the deceased, bearing the name of Mrs. Annie M. M. The deceased was about 35 years with reddish hair, and of stout build.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Union No. 111, held its regular meeting in Carpenter's hall Monday night. The usual number were in attendance, and nine men were initiated. During the meeting President James McLaren introduced Mr. O. W. Boothby who made an interesting address on the New System of Education furnished in the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. Mr. Boothby is the successful representative of the schools in this city and has received honorable mention by many of the leading educational men in this vicinity. The prospects for the winter look propitious for a large and instructive membership for the union.

ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSORS.

The 10th annual meeting will be held in room 210, second floor, State House, Boston, Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 10.45 a. m., for the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year, and the transacting of business properly brought before it. There will be an address by the Hon. Henry Winn, Subject: "State Assessment of Personality." The principal assessors and their permanent clerks or secretaries of all the cities and the chairman of each other members as may be delegated from the board of assessors of any town in the commonwealth are eligible to membership.

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MR. MOLLOY IN BROWNING.

Mr. Molloy's interpretation of "Abt Vogler" gave great delight to his auditors in Library hall Wednesday morning. The beautiful thought of the poet, which in its exquisite imagery was given with rendering in terms which pleased and interested. The closing readings in the present course will be two weeks from today on Emerson's "Sphinx." Mr. Molloy will give his "Interpretation of Emerson" in the Unitarian church, Tuesday evening, Jan. 2.

As to Some Revenue Stamps.

When Mr. Fussman had finished his breakfast and was getting ready to go out his wife came to him with a look of annoyance on her face.

"Well, well! my dear! What's the matter now?" he cried. "Cook going to leave or do you want some more money to waste on clothes?"

"No," she said, "it isn't either of them. I've got to send a check off right away and I haven't got a stamped blank. I want a two-cent internal revenue stamp, and I haven't an idea where to get one."

"Why, send out to some of the stores. I see signs all about saying 'Internal Revenue Stamps for Sale Here.'"

"Yes, I know. I've seen the signs, too, and I went out this morning to get a stamp and at every place I went to they said they were out of them."

"That's the way with a woman. No idea of business, and always give right up when anybody says boo! Go to the office of the Internal Revenue agent for the district—that's only five blocks from here—and get all you want. Never mind, don't bother. I'm going that way myself, and I'll get some stamps for you and bring them home at lunch time. Always the way, women ain't any use anyway."

"Well, I tried, but if you'll get them for me, I'll be much obliged."

Mr. Fussman went out and pointed straight for the Internal Revenue office. When he got to the building he found that the office had been moved half a mile away. He was in a hurry, so he jumped into a car and spent five cents to get to the new location. There he found the office, with plenty of men running about and also a lot of people there, all intent upon getting stamps. There was a long line of men waiting to get to the cashier's window. He looked about. There were two windows over which there were signs, one saying "Documentary and Proprietary Stamps," and the other "Cigar and Tobacco Stamps." Documentary is what I want," he said to himself, and he walked briskly to that window.

"Five two!" he exclaimed, shoving 10 cents at the clerk within at the same time.

The clerk looked at him blankly and then the dime back, pushing with a printed blank slip.

"What's that?" said Mr. Fussman. "I don't want that. I want five two-cent stamps."

"Fill it out," said the clerk.

Mr. Fussman took the blank and went to a desk. Then he examined the blank. After he thought he had mastered it he wrote in the description and number of the stamps he wanted and pushed it at the clerk again with his dime.

"Foot it up and sign it," said the clerk, shoving it back.

Mr. Fussman was in a hurry and was getting riled by this time, but he took the blank and studied it again. He wrote in the footing of ten cents, he signed his name and address. Then he took it to the clerk at the window again.

"Don't want a reference, do you?" he asked sarcastically, pushing in his dime again.

"Take it to the cashier," said the clerk.

Mr. Fussman was in no humor to indulge in more light repartee and when he looked at the line of people in front of the cashier's window, which was ever growing larger, he was inclined to give up his stamp hunting. He joined the line and in the course of fifteen minutes he got to the window.

"Five two!" he said as he shoved the money and blank at the man within.

That clerk took the blank and dime, dropped the money into a till, stamped something on the blank with a rubber stamp and handed it back.

"Other window for the stamps," he said.

By this time there was a line formed in front of the documentary stamp window. Mr. Fussman joined that line at the tail of course, and waited.

As the other, for those ahead of him were evidently making larger purchases. Some went away with packages of stamps that weighed many pounds each.

"Pretty way to treat the public," growled Mr. Fussman, as he waited. Finally he got to the window, shoved in his blank and got his five two-cent stamps. He had been half an hour in the office.

As he went out his anger was at white heat. Some persons heard him mutter "damn," and others heard him saying things that sounded revolutionary. It was too late for his morning engagement, and he determined to go straight home and tell his wife what he thought of her for sending him on a fool's errand and to explain what ought to be done to the Administration for bothering busy men to death.

As he well to get something cooling. He went in. Half an hour later he stepped into another corner store to cool down a little more and he made many more such stops on his way home, for every time he thought of his stamp-buying experience he got hot inside again. It was 6 o'clock when he finally reached home.

"Oh!" said his wife. "I am so glad you have come. If I don't send that check tonight it will make trouble. Did you get my stamps?" she asked, anxiously.

"Of course I got 'em. Always get everything I go for. Surprised anybody should make such a bother about a little thing like that. Takes a man to do things. Easiest thing in the world. Just walk right up to the window, hand in your money and there you are. All this time he was feeling in his pockets and turning them inside out, but finding no stamps. 'Funny thing where those stamps must have got to. Put 'em right in this pocket soon as I got 'em.' He hunted and hunted but found no stamps. Finally when he had exhausted every pocket in his hunt he began to look blank. 'Must have pulled 'em out with my handkerchief,' he exclaimed, and then remembering all the worry and bother he had suffered during the day because of those stamps he grew hot again. 'Damn the stamps anyway,' he exclaimed. 'Nobody but a woman would bother a man to get simple two-cent revenue stamp. If you want a stamp go out and buy it.'"

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LOWELL TO ANDOVER, A. M. 6.50 ar. 8.19; 8.30 ar. 9.37; 9.25 ar. 10.21; 10.50 ar. 11.28. P. M. 12.05 ar. 12.40; 2.39 ar. 3.02; 3.30 ar. 4.41; 5.15 ar. 5.50; 6.15 ar. 6.49; 7.00 ar. 7.31; 9.25 ar. 10.22; 11.29 ar. 11.51. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.15 ar. 9.02. P. M. 12.05 ar. 12.45; 6.30 ar. 6.06; 7.45 ar. 8.04.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

ANDOVER TO LAWRENCE, A. M. 6.55, 8.19, 8.57, 10.24, 11.28. P. M. 12.40, 1.00, 3.02, 4.08, 4.41, 5.50, 6.25, 6.40, 7.51, 7.51, 10.22, 11.58. SUNDAY, A. M. 8.02. P. M. 12.48, 3.05, 6.06, 6.45, 8.04.

LAWRENCE TO ANDOVER, A. M. 7.40, 7.25, 7.30, 7.55, 8.07, 8.50, 9.10, 10.50, 11.55. P. M. 12.25, 1.00, 2.30, 4.05, 4.35, 7.08, 7.52. SUNDAY: A. M. 7.25, 8.15, 8.50, 9.15, 10.50, 11.50. P. M. 12.10, 1.20, 3.35, 4.45, 7.57, 7.48.

ANDOVER TO SALEM, MASS. A. M. 6.50, ar. 8.47; 7.43, ar. 9.40; P. M. 12.40, ar. 1.57; 1.18, ar. 2.33; 5.50, ar. 7.00; 5.48, ar. 6.51.

SALEM TO ANDOVER, MASS. A. M. 7.00, ar. 8.21; 7.55, ar. 9.19; 10.30, ar. 11.28; 11.20, ar. 12.43. P. M. 12.01, ar. 13.02; 1.15, ar. 5.50; 4.35, ar. 5.40; 6.00, ar. 7.15.

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2.40 p.m. for Lawrence, Methuen, Haverhill, North Andover, North and East.

6.30 p.m. for Lawrence.

8.30 p.m. for Boston, New York, South and West.

Around the County.

COUNTY NOTES.

The Lynn Press club will have its annual Christmas tree Saturday evening Dec. 23.

Haverhill employes have received notice that beginning Jan. 1, the Boston & Maine railroad will pay them every two weeks instead of monthly.

E. T. P. Logan, assistant surgeon of the Eighth regiment is a candidate for city physician in Gloucester.

The report of the cattle inspector of Salisbury gives the number of neat cattle as being 575, divided as follows: Cows 539, oxen 19, young cattle 211, bulls 6. Two cows have been condemned during the year.

The new schooner now building for William H. Jordan at the yard of John Bishop, Gloucester, has been named Richard Wainwright in honor of the officer who commanded the little gunboat Gloucester in the recent war.

Mayor Chase of Haverhill announces that the eight-hour law for street department and other municipal employes which was accepted at the municipal election will go into effect next Wednesday after the aldermen have officially declared the returns of the election.

The John A. Hayes Foundry company, Lynn, has been organized at Kittery, Me., and is incorporated under the laws of that state, to make and sell castings of all kinds. The capital stock is \$6000, all paid in. This company succeeds the Union Iron Works firm, Lynn where the business is being carried on, and will remain.

WHAT ONE HEARS IN THE TELEPHONE.

"It is very hard to realize that the voice one hears over the telephone is not the voice of the person who is talking," said an electrician, chatting about the oddities of the business. "It seems exactly like the real tones, drawn out thin and small and carried from a long distance by some mechanical means—but it isn't. When one speaks into the instrument, a little diaphragm, like a drum head, begins to vibrate, and each vibration sends a wave of electricity over the wire. These waves set up a mimic vibration in another diaphragm, the opposite end, which jars the air and produces an imitation of the original voice. That's not a very scientific explanation but it's accurate. The autograph-telegraph, which makes a facsimile of handwriting, is a fair parallel. You write your message with a pen, attached to a special electric apparatus and a little ink siphon at the end of the line exactly imitates every dot and curve. The result seems like the real thing, but is merely a first class counterfeiter. It is the same way with the voice in the 'phone'."

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me." For sale by Arthur Bliss, Andover; C. H. Shattuck, Ballardvale.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(From the Chicago News.)

The keen-edged proverb is a cross-cut saw.

The secret of true wisdom is to know your ignorance.

Bread is the staff of life and hard-tack is the crowbar.

Some men cut acquaintances while scraping them—barbers for example.

Be sure you are right—then hold the stakes while the other fellows bet.

All the world's a stage and a lot of actors thereon are merely stage horses.

A contortionist may be completely wrapped up in himself without being concealed.

The bachelor who sews on his own buttons understands the meaning of the single tax.

Poverty would soon be an unknown quantity if men could dispose of their experience at cost.

What a glorious world this would be if the lemmings would only deliver opportunities at our doors.

Many a man who poses as the architect of his own fortune has to plan a large addition for his son-in-law.

Lots of people would starve if they were to sit down and wait patiently for the return of the bread they cast upon the waters.

The individual who tells the truth with deliberate caution isn't believed half so often as the fellow who can lie gracefully.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

SHE HATES HIM NOW.

"I shall never speak to him again," she said.

"Why not?"

"Well, we were alone in the drawing room last night when the gas suddenly went out."

"And what did he do?"

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KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

METHUEN.

Mrs. A. S. Fales is quite sick at her home on Pelham street.

D. D. G. M. Robert Hill will be the installing officer for Hope lodge of O. O. Fellows.

Harry Learned is clerking for the L. C. Moore company in Lawrence during the holidays.

Miss Lillie Learnel and Miss Daisy Ferguson are assisting at E. P. Woodworth & Co.'s five and ten-cent store, in Lawrence, this week.

Rev. W. B. Taylor, pastor of the Primitive Methodist church will speak at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association in Lawrence next Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will have a Christmas tree in the vestry Monday night, December 25. The children of the school will give a cantata for the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Gilson of Newport News, Va., arrived in town Sunday, and are visiting at the residence of Mrs. Gilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Titcomb on Pelham street.

The Arlington Heights services next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held at the residence of Alfred Newsholme on Lowell street. It is expected that Superintendent of Schools A. E. White will be the speaker.

A gratuity of \$25 was awarded to the David Nevins estate in this town at a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural society in Boston. The award was made by the garden committee.

Next Tuesday evening will be observed by Spicket Falls lodge, 176, A. O. U. W., as ladies' night, when the lady friends of the members will be invited to a concert and dance in Odd Fellows hall. Refreshments will be served in the banquet hall.

The marriage of Miss Alice G. Simpson, until recently of Lawrence, and Dr. William R. Bibber of Eastport, Me., took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Buckley on Broadway, in this town last Saturday evening. The ceremony which was private, was performed by Rev. Nathan Bailey, pastor of the Baptist church. After a brief wedding trip Dr. and Mrs. Bibber will reside in Eastport.

Mrs. Fred Mitchell of this town who has been employed for several months by the Lawrence Knitting company as travelling saleslady, has accepted a temporary position during the holidays, with A. Reinhardt, the up-to-date hardware and men's furnisher, 293 Essex street, Lawrence. She will be pleased to greet her Methuen friends at that place. Owen A. Donahue also of this town is a salesman at the same place.

Hope lodge, 34, I. O. O. F., held a regular meeting Tuesday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble Grand, Fred M. Swain; vice grand, William Latham; secretary, John F. Riley; P. G., financial secretary, Levi C. Lowell; treasurer, Augustus N. Russ; trustees, John S. Taylor, P. G., Edwin J. Castle, P. G., and John H. George P. G. The installation will take place Jan. 8. After the election the initiatory degree was conferred on four candidates.

Court Methuen, 146, Foresters of America, held a regular meeting in Odd Fellows hall Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Chief Ranger, Thomas N. Hubbard; sub chief ranger, J. H. Parquley; P. G., recorder, secretary, John J. Healey; financial secretary, James J. May; treasurer, John J. McNamara; senior woodward, J. P. Burke; senior beadle, James H. Purry; junior beadle, Arthur Blouin; court physician, Dr. Richard H. Lawlor; trustee for three years, James H. Spottiswood; trustee for one year, George F. Brooks. The installation will take place Tuesday evening, Jan. 2.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

THE CULPRITS DISCOVERED.

Monday evening sometime between the hours of 8 and 7.30 o'clock a handsome arbor vitae tree on the Nevins park at the junction of Hampshire street and Broadway was cut down and carried away. As soon as the loss was discovered, the fact was reported to Chief of Police Gordon who at once instituted an investigation. Yesterday he learned that three boys had been seen dragging a Christmas tree through the street and following up the clue soon located them at their home in the Pines. It was evident that they had become frightened from the investigation that it was known was being made and had cut up and burned the tree all but a small portion which was found by Chief Gordon lying behind the stove in their house. With this evidence, he took the boys before Mrs. Nevins, and they admitted their guilt. It is thought that an example will be made of them, though their age, which is from 10 to 12 years, prevents their being brought into court until the agent of the state board of charity can be present. They gave the names of Thomas Laviole, Fergus Gilmond and Arthur Gilmond, the last two being brothers. Their act was a deplorable one as the tree was one of the handsomest and its removal mars the beauty of the park greatly. Some miscreant cut one of these trees a year ago. It is reported that boys invaded the premises of Mr. Seales on Union street in the rear of Graham's carriage shop yesterday and cut two of the handsome trees there but were frightened away by a neighbor. It is presumed that they were cut for Christmas trees.

ANDOVER CHURCHES.

South Church, Congregational Central St. Organized 1711. Rev. Frank R. Shipman, Pastor.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

10.30 A. M. morning worship, with sermon by the pastor. Also, sub-primary department. Sunday-school to follow. 6.00 P. M., Christmas concert of the Sunday School. 7.15 P. M., Senior Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday, 7.15, Boys' Brigade Company.

Wednesday 7.45, Church prayer meeting. Friday, 7.30 P. M., C. E. Union.



West Parish Congregational Church. Organized 1826. Rev. G. A. Andrews, Pastor.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

10.30 A. M., Pr.aching by the pastor. Sunday-school to follow. 7.00 P. M., Christmas Concert by Sunday School.

Monday evening, 7 P. M., Christmas tree and social in the vestry. Wednesday, 7.30 P. M., Prayer and Conference meeting to be followed by meeting of Church Committee.



Christ Church, Episcopal, Central Street Organized 1835. Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rector.

SERVICES, SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

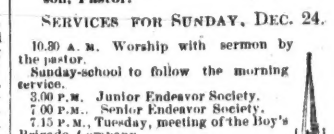
10.30 A. M., Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector. 7.00 P. M., Christmas Festival. Service in the church at 4.30 P. M. Monday, Christmas Day, 10.30 A. M., Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector. 11.30 A. M., Holy Communion.



Free Church, Congregational, Railroad St. Organized 1846. Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

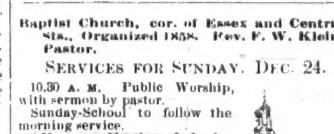
10.30 A. M. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Sunday-school to follow the morning service. 3.00 P. M., Junior Endeavor Society. 7.00 P. M., Senior Endeavor Society. 7.15 P. M., Tuesday, meeting of the Boy's Brigade Company. 7.45 P. M., Wednesday, Prayer and conference meeting. 7.50 P. M., Friday, meeting of Foreign Department of the Ladies' Benevolent Society at the home of Mrs. J. Newton Cole, Chestnut Street.



Baptist Church, cor. of Essex and Central Sts. Organized 1828. Rev. F. W. Klein, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

10.30 A. M. Public Worship, with sermon by pastor. Sunday-school to follow the morning service. 3.00 P. M., Meeting of Junior Society C. E. 6.15 P. M., Meeting of Senior Society C. E. 7.00 P. M., Praise and Tunes Service. Wednesday, 7.15 P. M., Monthly Business Meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. 7.45 P. M., Prayer Meeting.



St. Augustine's Church, Roman Catholic Essex St. Organized 1850. Rev. Fr. O'Mahoney, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

10.30 A. M. Mass and short sermon. 10.30 A. M., High Mass and sermon. 2.00 P. M., Sunday school until further notice. 5.00 P. M., Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. First Sunday of each month, Communion day for Sacred Heart Sodality. Second Sunday of each month, Communion day for children. Third Sunday of each month, Communion day. Rosary and Arch Confraternity.



ONLY A DREAM.

"Queer case of that Western man in New York Saturday night, wasn't it?" "What was it?"

"Want to sleep sitting on a fire hydrant. Fire broke out in the neighborhood, firemen coupled onto hydrant and pumper, away for two hours without disturbing him. Fire kept getting closer and prettier soon the western man began to feel warm. Then he half awoke, stretched himself and muttered, 'Darn glad I laid here long enough for Marlar to get up and make the fire.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HE HAS LOST FAITH IN DREAMS.

A certain young Manchester man who is nothing of a sport, had a dream the other night, in which Sharkey whipped Jeffries in exactly four rounds. The boy thought so much of the omen that he has placed \$5 on the sailor.—Manchester Mirror, Friday.

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Souvenir China	Soap and Cologne Box

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BALLARDVALE.

Ballardvale Churches.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Rev. Edwin Smith, Pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 24.
10:30 a. m. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "No Place for Christ."
Sunday School to follow.
6:00 p. m. Meeting of Juniors.
6:00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.
7:30 p. m. "Special Christmas service."
THOMAS LIVINGSTON, pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 24.
10:30 a. m. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Who is Santa Claus."
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
6:00 p. m. Epworth League meeting.
7:00 p. m. Sunday School concert.
7:30 p. m. Tuesday evening prayer meeting.
7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society.

Melville Smith of Harvard college, is at home on a two weeks' vacation.

Miss S. Jennie Stark has been spending several days with her friend, Miss Mollie Rogers in Malden.

Miss Etta McGarry of Brighton, and Miss Perley of Boxford, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Andover street.

Miss Clara Derbyshire, and Miss Elizabeth M. Perry of Lawrence, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Andover street.

Both churches unite in extending to the public a very cordial invitation to attend their Christmas tree exercises next Saturday evening.

Those persons who did not attend the lecture by Rev. Thomas Atkinson on "Power of the Tongue" last Wednesday evening missed a treat as the lecture was exceptionally practical and to the point.

Last Wednesday the teachers and pupils of Bradlee school presented Miss Demarest with a pair of solid silver table spoons and a silver olive spoon with a gold bowl as a manifestation of their esteem and regard.

Rev. Edwin Smith, assisted at the marriage of Miss Annie S. Parker and Rev. Alexander Sloan, last Wednesday. The ceremony was held in the Congregational church, Groveland, and was witnessed by a large and fashionable audience. Rev. Mr. Sloan and wife will make their home in Kennebunkport, Me.

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Furs of all kinds—Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Angora, Sable, Fox, Marten, Opossum, Sable, Krimmer, in Scarfs, Stoles, etc. Muffs of every description.

Mackintoshes, in Ladies' and Misses', \$2.50 to \$12.50. 50, Fancy Mixtures \$6.98.

25 Combination Collarettes, \$5.00.

Ladies' and Gents' Night Robes and Panjamas.

Special values in Waists, Silk and French Flannel, \$2.75 to \$5.00.

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TELEPHONE 308-2.

North Andover News.

Mrs. Isaac Nason has been visiting relatives in Fremont, N. H.

Martin H. Pulsifer has been drawn to serve as grand juror.

Frank H. Saunders made a business trip to Portland, Me., Tuesday.

Friday and Saturday will be the shortest days of the old year.

George H. Pilling of Troy, N. Y., is the guest of Postmaster Pilling.

Several trees in the postoffice square at the Centre, have been cut down.

The installation of Grange officers will take place the first Tuesday of 1900.

Miss Alice Moody of Portland is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens.

Ezra Carter has returned from a visit with relatives in West Pembroke, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Brown have retired from the employ of Robert Brown Supt. Johnson of the Andover schools visited the town schools Friday.

A special car was crowded with patrons for Lawrence and Methuen after the Crescent club dance Friday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Saunders has returned from a brief visit with relatives in Peabody.

Potatoes in several cellars have begun to sprout owing to the warm weather.

The Misses Kittredge have improved the triangle in the roadway fronting the mansion.

The unseasonable weather is maturing the catkins of the pussy willows in several places.

The Ladies' Benevolent society intend holding a supper and entertainment the last of January.

Rev. Peter MacQueen will give the closing lecture in the high school course Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Upton of Peabody who has been the guest of Mrs. B. P. Saunders will visit relatives in Andover this week.

Rust has struck chrysanthemums and this disease is proving very difficult for florists and others to overcome.

Rev. Mr. Osborn, field secretary of the Seamen's Friend society of Boston, preached at the Congregational church Sunday.

Students A. E. Chesley, C. J. Mahoney and J. F. Mahoney of Dartmouth, are at home for the Christmas recess.

The local authorities have been notified that Edward Weeks has absented himself from the state institution at Danvers, without leave.

A vote of thanks was extended by the state grange at Lowell the other day, to the local grange for participation in the entertainment, "Sylvia's Soldiers" was presented by local talent.

Prof. S. D. Gage of the state experiment station, Lawrence explained the workings of his charge to a class of 14 students under Prof. Kennicut of the Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Thursday.

Miss Olive A. Rea, treasurer of the Charitable Union has received a donation from private sources for the use of the organization.

Mrs. Horace Stevens is expected to return home from New York Friday or Saturday. Horace Stevens, who is recovering from a recent illness will accompany her.

George H. Millin who has been confined to his summer home for several weeks with typhoid fever is now pronounced out of danger and unless something unforeseen occurs will soon be about again.

Calvin Rea walked through a scuttle in the barn floor which he forgot had been left open Friday night and his mishap resulted in a painful injury to his left knee pan and otherwise bruising him.

Conductor McMurray, who had charge of an electric car running between Lawrence and this town, Saturday morning about 2 o'clock, was robbed of some \$12 by some one or more of his patrons.

Mr. Ames of Malden, a graduate of Harvard college and Bridgewater Normal school was elected a teacher in Merrimack school, in place of A. F. King, resigned. The new master will assume his position in February, after the Christmas recess.

Dr. James J. McKone of Tacoma, Wash., who has been visiting home friends recently sailed today for Europe on the steamship "New England" of the Dominion line. He will make a tour of the British Isles and subsequently make a tour of the continent.

Francis, the 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bateman died quite suddenly yesterday afternoon of diphtheria, at the home at the Centre. The child had been ailing only a few days and the sudden termination was not anticipated. The parents have the sympathy of neighbors and friends in their loss.

Under private auspices the Country Dance in Unitarian hall Friday night was an occasion of pleasure. About 60 people from town, Lawrence and Andover, were in attendance and assisted in the sociability of the occasion. The affair was entirely informal in character and the order of dances was announced as the desires of the participants were manifested. Messrs. Twomey, Banan, and Hulme the leading trio of the American orchestra, Lawrence, furnished excellent music and were complimented frequently for their rendition. Refreshments were served. The march was led by Harry Foster and Miss Cora Bassett and the affair was conducted by Edward A. Fuller, Dr. F. S. Smith, William McQueston, Harry C. Foster, Wilbur Ward and L. E. Osgood.

Mrs. Mary Catherine (Kimball) wife of Jonathan H. Fish, died Saturday night at 11 o'clock at the home on Depot street, after an illness of about six weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases and was not wholly unexpected. Mrs. Fish was born in Lancaster, Ohio, 64 years ago, her mother was Mahala Kimball, a native of Virginia and her father Abraham Kimball of Providence, R. I., and six children. Mrs. Ella Eldredge of Haverhill, Mrs. Ida Gurley, and Mrs. Hannah Albert C. of Lawrence, and John K. Fish of town survive. Funeral services were held at the late home at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Charles Noyes officiated. The bearers were selected from the family relatives. The interment was in Ridgewood cemetery.

A new sign is to be placed over the Wilcox smithy at the Centre.

Mr. Whittemore and family are occupying a tenement in Ellis block.

The Music club will hold an open meeting Monday evening, Jan. 1.

Mrs. William A. Russell and family have removed to their Boston residence.

Mrs. E. S. Edmunds has recovered from a recent illness.

Denis Collins the Centre blacksmith, has purchased a new horse.

Interior improvements have been made in the Prospect house.

John Crossland of Franklin, N. H., visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Egleys spent Sunday with relatives in Medford.

Mrs. Joseph Fountain and children have returned from a visit with relatives in Paterson, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Spence, entertained Wendell Durkee of West Peabody, Sunday.

Rev. Joseph Candlin of Reading, preached at the Methodist church Sunday in exchange with Rev. J. F. Mears. Mrs. Mears accompanied her husband and visited friends in Lee.

Constable Harris has received a venire requiring the drawing of a grand jury, from among the inhabitants of town.

Fred L. Sargent has placed an order at the store of S. W. Fellows, and will express holiday packages between this town and Lawrence.

Mark Hill and the Misses Edith and Carrie Hill, former residents of town, have been recently elected officers of the Derry, N. H. grange.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon several candidates at the meeting of the grange Tuesday evening.

At a recent meeting of the Pleasant Valley grange of Milton Mills, N. H., Rev. Alba M. Markey was chosen assistant steward.

The Neighborhood club will meet at Trimout Valley farm this evening. A special Christmas program has been prepared for the occasion.

A petition relative to holding a special town meeting in the interests of those favoring the choice of a commissioner of streets by popular vote, was filed with the selectmen Tuesday.

Sanborn & Robinson, the hardware dealers have purchased one-third interest in the W. R. Peck block, Lawrence, and a long lease of the premises which they will occupy in July next.

Rev. Peter MacQueen of Somerville will lecture in the town hall this evening in the high school course. His subject "The Philippines" is one of particular interest and should prove a drawing card with the local public. His depiction of war incidents is said to be very graphic and the lecture itself one which commands undivided attention. Single tickets are 15 cents.

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A Dutch comedy knockabout act by George Campbell and John McBride made a decided hit, and was given during an interlude in the program of dances. The generous order of dances was conducted by the following: General manager, W. R. Adams; assistants, John Campbell and Richard Lamb; floor director, John X. Healey; assistants, John Davis, Fred Stone, Leonard Johnson, Alvin Drew, David Mackie, Albert Hosmer Ernest Hill, W. Schurder, Fries Johnson. The affair was equally satisfactory as a social and financial event. Caterer Johnson of the Lawrence Ice Cream company furnished refreshments.

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